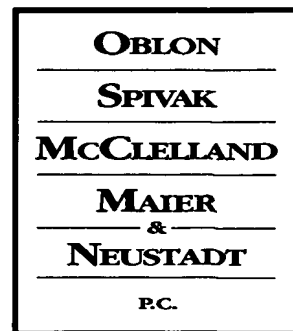




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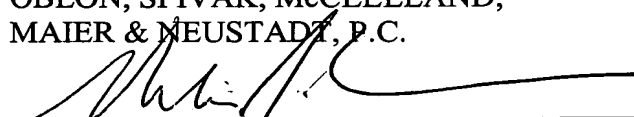
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In response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2005, Applicants elect without traverse the invention of group I, including claims 1-23, drawn to the apparatus, and further elect without traverse the first identified species including a plurality of projections or point to point contact between a nozzle and nozzle holder formed in the wall of a through-hole of the nozzle holder. Claims 1-10 and 12-22 are identified as reading on the elected species of the elected invention.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

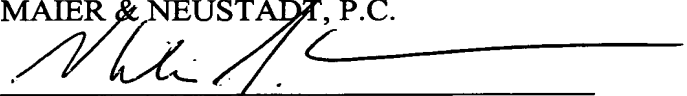
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